Case:17-03283-LTS Doc#:20987 Filed:05/24/22 Entered:05/24/22 19:12:54 Desc: Main Document Page 1 of 50

Objection Deadline [Proposed]: June 3, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. (Atlantic Standard Time) Hearing Date & Time [Proposed]: June 17, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. (Atlantic Standard Time)

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

In re:

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,

PROMESA Title III

as representative of

No. 17 BK-3283-LTS

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, et al.,

(Jointly Administered)

In re:

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,

PROMESA Title III

as representative of

No. 17 BK-3567-LTS

THE PUERTO RICO HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY,

Debtor.

Debtors.¹

PEAJE INVESTMENTS, LLC,

Plaintiff.

Adv. Proc. No. 17-151-LTS in No.17 BK 3567-LTS

-V-

THE PUERTO RICO HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, et al.,

Adv. Proc. No. 17-152-LTS in No. 17 BK-3283-LTS

Defendants.

The Debtors in these Title III Cases, along with each Debtor's respective Title III case number and the last four (4) digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, as applicable, are the (i) Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3283-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3481); (ii) Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation ("COFINA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3284-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 8474); (iii) Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority ("HTA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3567-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3808); (iv) Employees Retirement System of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico ("ERS") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3566-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 9686); (v) Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority ("PREPA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 4780-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3747); and (vi) Puerto Rico Public Buildings Authority ("PBA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 19-BK-5523-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3801). Title III case numbers are listed as Bankruptcy Case numbers due to software limitations.

ASSURED GUARANTY CORP, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

Adv. Proc. No. 17-155-LTS in

No.17 BK 3283

COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, et al.,

-V-

Defendants.

Adv. Proc. No. 17-156-LTS

No. 17 BK-3567

AMBAC ASSURANCE CORPORATION,

Plaintiff,

Adv. Proc. No. 17-159-LTS No.17 BK 3283-LTS

COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, et al.,

-v-

Defendants.

MOTION FOR

APPROVAL OF SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED STIPULATION AND AGREED ORDER REGARDING THE DISPUTED FUNDS IN THE HTA BOND SERVICE ACCOUNTS, REDEMPTION ACCOUNTS AND RESERVE ACCOUNTS

To the Honorable United States District Court Judge Laura Taylor Swain:

The Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico (the "Oversight Board"), as sole Title III representative of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (the "Commonwealth") and the Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority ("HTA," and together with the Commonwealth, the "Debtors") pursuant to Section 315(b) of the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act ("PROMESA"), respectfully submits this motion (the "Motion") seeking Court approval of the Second Amended and Restated Stipulation and Agreed Order Regarding the Disputed Funds in the HTA Bond Service Accounts, Redemption Accounts and Reserve Accounts, dated May 24, 2022, by and among the Oversight Board, as representative of the Commonwealth and HTA, Ambac Assurance Corporation ("Ambac"), Assured Guaranty

PROMESA has been codified in 48 U.S.C. §§ 2101–2241.

Corp., Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp. (together with Assured Guaranty Corp., "Assured"), Financial Guaranty Insurance Company ("FGIC"), Syncora Guarantee Inc. ("Syncora"), and National Public Finance Guarantee Corporation ("National" and together with Ambac, Assured, FGIC, and Syncora, the "Monolines"), and The Bank of New York Mellon, solely in its capacity as fiscal agent ("BNYM" or the "Fiscal Agent") for several series of bonds issued by HTA (the "HTA Bonds"), attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Second A&R Stipulation"). In support of this Motion, the Debtors respectfully represent as follows:

Background

A. Commencement of Title III Cases

- 1. On May 3, 2017, the Oversight Board issued a restructuring certification pursuant to Sections 104(j) and 206 of PROMESA and filed a voluntary petition for relief for the Commonwealth pursuant to PROMESA Section 304(a), commencing a case under Title III thereof (the "Commonwealth Title III Case").
- 2. On May 21, 2017, the Oversight Board issued a restructuring certification for HTA, commencing an additional case under Title III of PROMESA (the "HTA Title III Case" and together with the Commonwealth Title III Case, the "Title III Cases").
- 3. By operation of PROMESA and pursuant to PROMESA Section 315(b), the Oversight Board is the sole representative of the Commonwealth and HTA in their respective Title III Cases.
- 4. The Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to PROMESA Section 306(a), and venue is proper in this District pursuant to PROMESA section 307(a).

Descriptions of the Second A&R Stipulation contained herein are for summary purposes only. The terms and provisions of the Second A&R Stipulation govern to the extent any inconsistencies exist between the Second A&R Stipulation and the descriptions of the Second A&R Stipulation contained herein.

B. The Disputed Funds

- 5. After the filing of the Title III Cases, certain monoline insurers and bondholders commenced the following adversary proceedings regarding, among other issues, asserted liens on certain revenues, payments on the HTA Bonds, and monies allegedly pledged to secure the repayment of HTA Bonds (collectively, the "Adversary Proceedings"): Ambac Assurance Corp. v. Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, et al., Adv. Proc. No. 17-159-LTS; Assured Guaranty Corp., et al. v. Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, et al., Adv. Proc. Nos. 17-155-LTS, 17-156-LTS; and Peaje Investments, LLC v. Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority, et al., Adv. Proc. Nos. 17-151 LTS, 17-152-LTS.
- 6. Pursuant to applicable documents, BNYM, as Fiscal Agent, was scheduled to make a payment of principal and interest on several series of bonds issued by HTA to the bondholders in the aggregate amount of approximately \$224,277,263.11 on July 3, 2017.
- 7. On or around June 20, 2017, the Puerto Rico Fiscal Agency and Financial Advisory Authority ("<u>AAFAF</u>") instructed BNYM not to distribute the Disputed Funds, as defined below, to the bondholders, asserting that the Disputed Funds are property of HTA and are subject to the automatic stay pursuant to section 362(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, as incorporated by Section 301(a) of PROMESA.
- 8. By letter, dated June 23, 2017, certain plaintiffs in the Adversary Proceedings stated their disagreement with the AAFAF position and asserted that BNYM must distribute the Disputed Funds on July 3, 2017 in accordance with the terms of the governing documents because the Disputed Funds (i) are not property of HTA, (ii) are held in trust for the benefit of the bondholders, (iii) are "pledged special revenues," pursuant to sections 902, 922(d), and 928 of the Bankruptcy

Code as incorporated by Section 301(a) of PROMESA, and (iv) are not subject to the automatic stay.

- 9. As of July 3, 2017, BNYM, as Fiscal Agent, held cash and various investments with an estimated value of \$76,149,000.00 (the "Disputed Funds").
- 10. BNYM declined to take a position on the matter and, in light of the dispute regarding the Disputed Funds, indicated that it would not distribute the Disputed Funds until appropriate relief was obtained from the Court.
- 11. On July 31, 2017, the parties to the Adversary Proceedings entered into that certain Stipulation and Proposed Order Governing the Disputed Funds in the HTA Bonds Accounts, Redemption Accounts and Reserve Accounts (the "Disputed Funds Stipulation"), which provides that, among other things, pending further order of the Court, BNYM shall maintain the entirety of the Disputed Funds in the existing accounts into which they have been deposited.
- 12. On August 3, 2017, the Court approved the Disputed Funds Stipulation [Case No. 17-00152, ECF No. 179].

C. Confirmation of the Commonwealth Plan of Adjustment

- 13. On May 5, 2021, the Oversight Board, as representative of the Commonwealth and HTA in their Title III Cases, entered into that certain HTA/CCDA Related Plan Support Agreement (the "HTA/CCDA PSA") with certain holders of bonds issued by HTA, certain holders of bonds issued by the Puerto Rico Convention Center District Authority, Assured, and National, which provided for, among other things, the terms of the resolution of litigation among the parties regarding the bonds issued by HTA and the terms of securities to be issued pursuant to plans of adjustment for the Commonwealth and HTA.
 - 14. On July 15, 2021, Ambac and FGIC executed joinders to the HTA/CCDA PSA.

- 15. On January 18, 2022, the Court entered the Order and Judgment Confirming Modified Eighth Amended Title III Joint Plan of Adjustment of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Employees Retirement System of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the Puerto Rico Public Buildings Authority [Case No. 17-03283, ECF No. 19813] (the "Confirmation Order"), confirming the Modified Eighth Amended Title III Joint Plan of Adjustment of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, et al., dated January 14, 2021 [Case No. 17-03283, ECF No. 19784] (the "Commonwealth Plan"), 4 which incorporates the terms of the HTA/CCDA PSA.
- Order provide, in pertinent part, that ". . . within ten (10) Business Days following satisfaction of the HTA Distribution Conditions, HTA shall make an interim distribution to holders of HTA 68 Bond Claims and HTA 98 Senior Bond Claims in the amounts of One Hundred Eighty-Four Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$184,800,000.00) and Seventy-Nine Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$79,200,000.00), respectively, in Cash, which distributions shall reduce the principal amount of such HTA 68 Bonds and HTA 98 Senior Bonds, respectively, and the corresponding HTA Bond Claims" (the "Effective Date Payments"). Confirmation Order ¶ 52.
- 17. Sections 2.1 and 63.1 of the Commonwealth Plan provides for the treatment and global compromise and settlement of, among other things, claims against the Commonwealth relating to the HTA Bonds.
 - 18. The Effective Date of the Commonwealth Plan occurred on March 15, 2022.

⁴ Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Commonwealth Plan.

D. Fiscal Agent Fees and Expenses Dispute

- 19. On March 10, 2022, the Oversight Board filed the *Urgent Motion for an Order Directing the Fiscal Agent to Disburse the Disputed Funds in the HTA Bond Service Accounts, Redemption Accounts, and Reserve Accounts* [Case No. 17-03283, ECF No. 20297], seeking approval of a stipulation between the Oversight Board and BNYM, as HTA Fiscal Agent, that provided for the deduction of the HTA Fiscal Agent's fees and expenses from the Effective Date Payments, including the Disputed Funds. On March 11, 2022, the Oversight Board filed the *Notice of Filing Amended and Restated Stipulation and Agreed Order Regarding the Disputed Funds in the HTA Bond Service Accounts, Redemption Accounts, and Reserve Accounts* [Case No. 17-03283, ECF No. 20316], attaching an amended and restated stipulation thereto as Exhibit A (the "A&R Stipulation").
- 20. On March 15, 2022, Assured, FGIC, and National filed the Response of Assured Guaranty Corp., Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp., Financial Guaranty Insurance Company, and National Public Finance Guarantee Corporation with Respect to Supplemental Reply of the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico in Support of Urgent Motion for Order Directing the Fiscal Agent to Disburse the Disputed Funds in the HTA Bond Service Accounts, Redemption Accounts, and Reserve Accounts [Case No. 17-03283, ECF No. 20337] (the "Monoline Objection"), asserting that the A&R Stipulation does not comply with decretal paragraph 52 of the Confirmation Order relating to the Effective Date Payments.
- 21. On March 16, 2022, the Court entered an order [Case No. 17-03283, ECF No. 20366] overruling the Monoline Objection, approving the A&R Stipulation, and authorizing the transaction contemplated therein, based upon the representations set forth in the A&R Stipulation that, among other things, the A&R Stipulation does not affect whatever rights the HTA Fiscal

Agent may have to be reimbursed for its fees and expenses or the issue regarding the HTA Fiscal Agent's withholding of fees and expenses from the "balance" of the Effective Date Payments.

- 22. On May 16, 2022, the Oversight Board filed the *Amended Title III Plan of Adjustment of the Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority* [Case No. 17-3567, ECF No. 1177] (the "HTA Plan").
- 23. Following the filing of the HTA Plan, the Monolines and the Oversight Board continued to engage in discussions regarding the finalization of the terms of the HTA Plan and related documents in connection with the satisfaction of the HTA Distribution Conditions. As of the date hereof, the parties have agreed to the terms of a further amended HTA Plan, a proposed confirmation order, and the New HTA Bonds Indenture, the three remaining HTA Distribution Conditions. However, as required by one of the Monolines, formal agreement to such documentation and, therefore, satisfaction of the HTA Distribution Conditions, remains subject to entry of an order granting the relief requested in this Motion.
 - 24. As of May 18, 2022, the Disputed Funds held by BNYM total \$90,845,316.28.

RELIEF REQUESTED

25. Through this Motion, the Oversight Board requests the Court so order the Second A&R Stipulation, resolving any disputes relating to the HTA Fiscal Agent's fees and expenses due and owing by HTA pursuant to the applicable bond resolutions with respect to amounts to be discharged pursuant to the HTA Plan (the "HTA Fiscal Agent's Fees and Expenses")⁵ by providing, among other things, that:

Such disputes including all disputes and reservation of rights raised or asserted in Case No. 17-03283, ECF Nos. 20297, 20318, 20320, 20321, 20331, 20337, and 20340 related to the payment of the HTA Fiscal Agent's Fees and Expenses.

- a. the Effective Date Payments will be inclusive of any and all HTA Fiscal Agent's Fees and Expenses and do not require any increase thereto on account thereof,
- b. the HTA Fiscal Agent may deduct the HTA Fiscal Agent's Fees and Expenses from the Disputed Funds, subject to limitations contained in paragraph 6 of the Second A&R Stipulation,
- c. the HTA Fiscal Agent shall either apply such amounts to the HTA Fiscal Agent's Fees and Expenses then due and owing, or hold such amounts in a reserve for future fees and expenses, subject to the terms and provisions of paragraph 7 of the Second A&R Stipulation,
- d. following deduction of the HTA Fiscal Agent's Fees and Expenses from the Disputed Funds, the HTA Fiscal Agent shall transfer the remaining Disputed Funds to HTA to be applied as part of the Effective Date Payments,
- e. consistent with the pro rata allocation of the cost of the HTA Fiscal Agent's Fees and Expenses required by Section 27.13 of the HTA Plan, HTA may deduct the cost of the HTA Fiscal Agent's Fees and Expenses from the Effective Date Payments on a pro rata basis, such that the cost of such HTA Fiscal Agent's Fees and Expenses is shared equally by all holders of HTA 68 Bond Claims and HTA 98 Senior Bond Claims based on the amount of their Claims,
- f. the HTA Fiscal Agent's Fees and Expenses now or hereafter owing, including any amounts held in a reserve for future fees and expenses, shall not exceed \$2,360,681.02, and
- g. in the event amounts reserved or deducted by the HTA Fiscal Agent from the Disputed Funds exceed the HTA Fiscal Agent's Fees and Expenses, such excess amounts shall be distributed by or at the direction of the HTA Fiscal Agent and/or HTA on a pro rata basis to holders of HTA 68 Bond Claims and HTA 98 Senior Bond Claims on the HTA Effective Date.

BASIS FOR REQUESTED RELIEF

26. Following the Court's approval of the A&R Stipulation, issues relating to the payment of the HTA Fiscal Agent's Fees and Expenses remained outstanding between the Monolines, and the HTA Fiscal Agent. The Monolines, BNYM, and the Oversight Board engaged in arms-length, good faith negotiations to reach agreement regarding the deduction of any and all HTA Fiscal Agent's Fees and Expenses from the Effective Date Payments. As a result of those

negotiations, the parties reached a consensual agreement regarding the terms of payment of the HTA Fiscal Agent's Fees and Expenses, as memorialized in the Second A&R Stipulation.

As a condition to the effectiveness of the Second A&R Stipulation, the parties to the Second A&R Stipulation require that the Court approve the terms of the Second A&R Stipulation. Approval of the Second A&R Stipulation is appropriate here where the principal parties in interest (the Monolines and BNYM) have agreed to terms that address the outstanding issue regarding the HTA Fiscal Agent's Fees and Expenses raised in the Monoline Objection. Furthermore, resolution of issues regarding the HTA Fiscal Agent's Fees and Expenses will facilitate the distribution of the Effective Date Payments upon the satisfaction of the HTA Distribution Conditions, which, as required by one of the Monolines, will be satisfied only upon the Court's approval of the Second A&R Stipulation. Accordingly, the Oversight Board respectfully requests that the Court so order the Second A&R Stipulation, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Notice

28. The Debtors have provided notice of this Motion to: (a) the Office of the United States Trustee for the District of Puerto Rico; (b) the indenture trustees and/or agents, as applicable, for the Debtors' bonds; (c) the entities on the list of creditors holding the 20 largest unsecured claims against the Debtors; (d) the statutory committees appointed in these Title III Cases; (e) the Office of the United States Attorney for the District of Puerto Rico; (f) counsel to the Puerto Rico Fiscal Agency and Financial Advisory Authority; (g) the Puerto Rico Department of Justice; and (h) all parties filing a notice of appearance in these Title III Cases. The Debtors submit that, in light of the nature of the relief requested, no other or further notice need be given.

⁶ A redline comparison of the Second A&R Stipulation against the A&R Stipulation is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

No Prior Request

29. No prior request for the relief sought in this Motion has been made to this or any other court.

WHEREFORE the Debtors respectfully request the Court so order the Second A&R Stipulation, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, and grant the Debtors such other relief as is just and proper.

Dated: May 24, 2022

San Juan, Puerto Rico

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Brian S. Rosen

Martin J. Bienenstock Brian S. Rosen (Admitted *Pro Hac Vice*) **PROSKAUER ROSE LLP**

Eleven Times Square New York, NY 10036 Tel: (212) 969-3000 Fax: (212) 969-2900

Attorneys for the Financial Oversight and Management Board as representative for the Debtors

/s/ Hermann D. Bauer Hermann D. Bauer USDC No. 215205 O'NEILL & BORGES LLC 250 Muñoz Rivera Ave., Suite 800 San Juan, PR 00918-1813

Tel: (787) 764-8181 Fax: (787) 753-8944

Co-Attorneys for the Financial Oversight and Management Board as representative of Debtors

Exhibit A

Second A&R Stipulation

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

In re:

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,

PROMESA Title III

as representative of

No. 17 BK-3283-LTS

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, et al.,

(Jointly Administered)

Debtors.¹

In re:

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,

as representative of

THE PUERTO RICO HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY,

Debtor.

PROMESA

Title III

No. 17 BK-3567-LTS

SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED STIPULATION AND AGREED ORDER REGARDING THE DISPUTED FUNDS IN THE HTA BOND SERVICE ACCOUNTS, REDEMPTION ACCOUNTS AND RESERVE ACCOUNTS

The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (the "<u>Commonwealth</u>") and the Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority ("<u>HTA</u>"), by and through the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico (the "<u>Oversight Board</u>"), as the sole Title III representative of the

Th

The Debtors in these Title III Cases, along with each Debtor's respective Title III case number and the last four (4) digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, as applicable, are the (i) Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3283-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3481); (ii) Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation ("COFINA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3284-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 8474); (iii) Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority ("HTA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3567-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3808); (iv) Employees Retirement System of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico ("ERS") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3566-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 9686); (v) Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority ("PREPA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 4780-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3747); and (vi) Puerto Rico Public Buildings Authority ("PBA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 19-BK-5523-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3801). Title III case numbers are listed as Bankruptcy Case numbers due to software limitations.

Commonwealth and HTA pursuant to section 315(b) of the *Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act* ("PROMESA"),² The Bank of New York Mellon, solely in its capacity as fiscal agent ("BNYM" or the "HTA Fiscal Agent") for several series of bonds issued by HTA (the "HTA Bonds"), Ambac Assurance Corporation ("Ambac"), Assured Guaranty Corp., Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp. (together with Assured Guaranty Corp., "Assured"), Financial Guaranty Insurance Company ("FGIC"), Syncora Guarantee Inc. ("Syncora"), and National Public Finance Guarantee Corporation ("National" and together with Ambac, Assured, FGIC, and Syncora, the "Monolines") hereby stipulate and agree as follows:

RECITALS

Commencement of Title III Cases

- A. On May 3, 2017, the Oversight Board issued a restructuring certification pursuant to Sections 104(j) and 206 of PROMESA and filed a voluntary petition for relief for the Commonwealth pursuant to PROMESA Section 304(a), commencing a case under Title III thereof (the "Commonwealth Title III Case").
- B. On May 21, 2017, the Oversight Board issued a restructuring certification for HTA, commencing an additional case under Title III of PROMESA (the "<u>HTA Title III Case</u>" and together with the Commonwealth Title III Case, the "Title III Cases").
- C. By operation of PROMESA and pursuant to PROMESA Section 315(b), the Oversight Board is the sole representative of the Commonwealth and HTA in their respective Title III Cases.
- D. The Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to PROMESA Section 306(a), and venue is proper in this District pursuant to PROMESA Section 307(a).

² PROMESA is codified at 48 U.S.C. §§ 2101–2241.

The Disputed Funds

- E. After the filing of the Title III Cases, certain monoline insurers and bondholders commenced the following adversary proceedings regarding, among other issues, asserted liens on certain revenues, payments on the HTA Bonds, and monies allegedly pledged to secure the repayment of HTA Bonds (collectively, the "Adversary Proceedings"): Ambac Assurance Corp. v. Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, et al., Adv. Proc. No. 17-159-LTS; Assured Guaranty Corp., et al. v. Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, et al., Adv. Proc. Nos. 17-155-LTS, 17-156-LTS; and Peaje Investments, LLC v. Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority, et al., Adv. Proc. Nos. 17-151 LTS, 17-152-LTS.
- F. Pursuant to applicable documents, BNYM, as Fiscal Agent, was scheduled to make a payment of principal and interest on several series of bonds issued by HTA to the bondholders in the aggregate amount of approximately \$224,277,263.11 on July 3, 2017.
- G. On or around June 20, 2017, the Puerto Rico Fiscal Agency and Financial Advisory Authority ("<u>AAFAF</u>") instructed BNYM not to distribute cash and the proceeds of various investments (the "<u>Disputed Funds</u>") held by BNYM, as HTA Fiscal Agent, to the bondholders, asserting that the Disputed Funds are property of HTA and are subject to the automatic stay pursuant to section 362(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, as incorporated by Section 301(a) of PROMESA.
- H. By letter, dated June 23, 2017, certain plaintiffs in the Adversary Proceedings stated their disagreement with the AAFAF position and asserted that BNYM must distribute the Disputed Funds on July 3, 2017 in accordance with the terms of the governing documents because the Disputed Funds (i) are not property of HTA, (ii) are held in trust for the benefit of the bondholders, (iii) are "pledged special revenues," pursuant to sections 902, 922(d) and 928 of the Bankruptcy

Code as incorporated by section 301(a) of PROMESA, and (iv) are not subject to the automatic stay.

- I. As of July 3, 2017, BNYM, as HTA Fiscal Agent, held Disputed Funds with an estimated value of \$76,149,000.00.
- J. BNYM declined to take a position on the matter, and, in light of the dispute regarding the Disputed Funds, indicated that it would not distribute the Disputed Funds until appropriate relief was obtained from the Court.
- K. On July 31, 2017, the parties to the Adversary Proceedings entered into that certain Stipulation and Proposed Order Governing the Disputed Funds in the HTA Bonds Accounts, Redemption Accounts and Reserve Accounts (the "<u>Disputed Funds Stipulation</u>"), which provides that, among other things, pending further order of the Court, BNYM shall maintain the entirety of the Disputed Funds in the existing accounts into which they have been deposited.
- L. On August 3, 2017, the Court approved the Disputed Funds Stipulation [Case No. 17-00152, ECF No. 179].
- M. As of May 18, 2022, the Disputed Funds held by BNYM in cash and various investments total \$90,845,316.28.

Confirmation of the Plan of Adjustment

N. On May 5, 2021, the Oversight Board, as representative of the Commonwealth and HTA in their Title III Cases, entered into that certain HTA/CCDA Related Plan Support Agreement (the "HTA/CCDA PSA") with, among others, (a) certain holders of bonds issued by HTA, (b) Assured, and (c) National, which provided for, among other things, the terms of the resolution of litigation among the parties regarding the bonds issued by HTA, and the terms of securities to be issued pursuant to plans of adjustment for the Commonwealth and HTA.

- O. On July 15, 2021, Ambac and FGIC each executed joinders to the HTA/CCDA PSA.
- P. On January 18, 2022, the Court entered the Order and Judgment Confirming Modified Eighth Amended Title III Joint Plan of Adjustment of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Employees Retirement System of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the Puerto Rico Public Buildings Authority [Case No. 17-03283, ECF No. 19813] (the "Confirmation Order"), confirming the Modified Eighth Amended Title III Joint Plan of Adjustment of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, et al., dated January 14, 2021 [Case No. 17-03283, ECF No. 19784] (the "Commonwealth Plan")³, which incorporates the terms of the HTA/CCDA PSA.
- Q. Section 4.1 of the HTA/CCDA PSA and decretal paragraph 52 of the Confirmation Order provide, in pertinent part, that "... within ten (10) Business Days following satisfaction of the HTA Distribution Conditions, HTA shall make an interim distribution to holders of HTA 68 Bond Claims and HTA 98 Senior Bond Claims in the amounts of One Hundred Eighty-Four Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$184,800,000.00) and Seventy-Nine Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$79,200,000.00), respectively, in Cash, which distributions shall reduce the principal amount of such HTA 68 Bonds and HTA 98 Senior Bonds, respectively, and the corresponding HTA Bond Claims " (the "Effective Date Payments"). Confirmation Order ¶ 52.

Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Commonwealth Plan or the HTA Plan, as applicable.

- R. Sections 2.1 and 63.1 of the Commonwealth Plan provides for the treatment and global compromise and settlement of, among other things, claims against the Commonwealth relating to the HTA Bonds.
 - S. The Effective Date of the Commonwealth Plan occurred on March 15, 2022.

Fiscal Agent Fees and Expenses Dispute

- T. On March 10, 2022, the Oversight Board filed the *Urgent Motion for an Order Directing the Fiscal Agent to Disburse the Disputed Funds in the HTA Bond Service Accounts, Redemption Accounts, and Reserve Accounts* [Case No. 17-03283, ECF No. 20297], seeking approval of a stipulation between the Oversight Board and BNYM, as HTA Fiscal Agent, that provided for the deduction of the HTA Fiscal Agent's fees and expenses from the Effective Date Payments, including the Disputed Funds. On March 11, 2022, the Oversight Board filed the *Notice of Filing Amended and Restated Stipulation and Agreed Order Regarding the Disputed Funds in the HTA Bond Service Accounts, Redemption Accounts, and Reserve Accounts* [Case No. 17-03283, ECF No. 20316], attaching an amended stipulation thereto as Exhibit A (the "Stipulation").
- U. On March 15, 2022, Assured, FGIC, and National filed the Response of Assured Guaranty Corp., Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp., Financial Guaranty Insurance Company, and National Public Finance Guarantee Corporation with Respect to Supplemental Reply of the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico in Support of Urgent Motion for Order Directing the Fiscal Agent to Disburse the Disputed Funds in the HTA Bond Service Accounts, Redemption Accounts, and Reserve Accounts [Case No. 17-03283, ECF No. 20337] (the "Monoline Objection"), asserting that the Stipulation does not comply with decretal paragraph 52 of the Confirmation Order.

- V. On March 16, 2022, the Court entered an order overruling the Monoline Objection based upon the representations set forth in the Stipulation, approving the Stipulation, and authorizing the transaction contemplated therein.
- W. On May 16, 2022, the Oversight Board filed the Amended Title III Plan of Adjustment of the Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority [Case No. 17-3567, ECF No. 1177] (the "HTA Plan").
- X. The Monolines, BNYM, and the Oversight Board have continued to engage in arms-length, good faith negotiations to reach agreement regarding the deduction of the HTA Fiscal Agent's Fees and Expenses (as defined herein) from the Effective Date Payments and, as a result of those negotiations, have reached an agreement consistent with the terms of this stipulation.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, the parties hereby agree as follows:

AGREEMENT

- 1. This stipulation (the "Amended Stipulation") shall become effective upon entry of an order of the Court approving the terms and provisions hereof (the "Stipulation Date") and, upon the Stipulation Date, shall amend, restate, and supersede the Stipulation in all respects.
- 2. Within two (2) business days of the date of execution of this Amended Stipulation, the Oversight Board shall provide BNYM instructions for the liquidation of Disputed Funds that BNYM currently holds in investments other than cash.
- 3. Upon (a) satisfaction of the HTA Distribution Conditions, and (b) liquidation of the Disputed Funds that BNYM currently holds in investments other than cash, (i) the aggregate amount of cash on account in the Disputed Funds shall be deemed amounts to be applied by HTA in satisfaction of the Effective Date Payments, and (ii) the HTA Fiscal Agent shall provide the

Oversight Board and HTA a written statement setting forth the amount of the Disputed Funds as of such date.

- 4. The Effective Date Payments are inclusive of any and all HTA Fiscal Agent's fees and expenses due and owing by HTA pursuant to the applicable bond resolutions with respect to amounts discharged pursuant to the HTA Plan (the "HTA Fiscal Agent's Fees and Expenses") and do not require an increase thereto on account thereof. Subject to the limitations contained in paragraph 6 of this Amended Stipulation, the HTA Fiscal Agent may deduct the HTA Fiscal Agent's Fees and Expenses from the Disputed Funds, and the HTA Fiscal Agent shall either apply such amounts to the HTA Fiscal Agent's Fees and Expenses then due and owing, or hold such amounts in a reserve for future fees and expenses, subject to the terms and provisions of paragraph 7 of this Amended Stipulation.
- 5. Upon deduction of the HTA Fiscal Agent's Fees and Expenses from the Disputed Funds, the HTA Fiscal Agent shall transfer the remaining Disputed Funds to HTA, or its designee, to be applied as part of the Effective Date Payments. Consistent with the pro rata allocation of the cost of the HTA Fiscal Agent's Fees and Expenses required by Section 27.13 of the HTA Plan, HTA may deduct the cost of the HTA Fiscal Agent's Fees and Expenses from the Effective Date Payments on a pro rata basis, such that the cost of such HTA Fiscal Agent's Fees and Expenses is shared equally by all holders of HTA 68 Bond Claims⁴ and HTA 98 Senior Bond Claims⁵ based on the amount of their Claims.

⁴ For purposes of this Amended Stipulation, the term "HTA 68 Bond Claims" shall include (i) HTA 68 Bond Claims, (ii) HTA 68 Bond Claims (Ambac), (iii) HTA 68 Bond Claims (Assured), and (iv) HTA 68 Bond Claims (National), all as defined in the HTA Plan.

For purposes of this Amended Stipulation, the term "HTA 98 Senior Bond Claims" shall include (i) HTA 98 Senior Bond Claims, (ii) HTA 98 Senior Bond Claims (Assured), (iv) HTA 98 Senior Bond Claims (FGIC), and (v) HTA 98 Senior Bond Claims (National), all as defined in the HTA Plan.

- 6. Notwithstanding anything in the HTA Plan, the HTA Confirmation Order, this Amended Stipulation, or the applicable bond resolutions to the contrary, (a) the HTA Fiscal Agent's Fees and Expenses now or hereafter owing, including any amounts held in a reserve for future fees and expenses, shall not exceed \$2,360,681.02, and (b) upon the HTA Fiscal Agent's deduction of such HTA Fiscal Agent's Fees and Expenses from the Disputed Funds, none of the Commonwealth, HTA, or any agency or instrumentality thereof shall have any further liability or obligation with respect to such fees and expenses.
- 7. In the event amounts reserved or deducted by the HTA Fiscal Agent from the Disputed Funds exceed the HTA Fiscal Agent's Fees and Expenses, such excess amounts shall be distributed, by or at the direction of, the HTA Fiscal Agent and/or HTA, or HTA's designee, on a pro rata basis to holders of HTA 68 Bond Claims and HTA 98 Senior Bond Claims on the HTA Effective Date (the "Excess Distribution").
- 8. This Amended Stipulation shall be considered a full and final resolution of (a) all disputes relevant to the Disputed Funds that were raised as part of the Disputed Funds Stipulation, and (b) all disputes and reservation of rights raised or asserted in Case No. 17-03283, ECF Nos. 20297, 20318, 20320, 20321, 20331, 20337, and 20340 related to the payment of the HTA Fiscal Agent's Fees and Expenses, and, upon the HTA Fiscal Agent's deduction of such HTA Fiscal Agent's Fees and Expenses from the Disputed Funds, none of the Commonwealth, HTA, or any agency or instrumentality thereof shall have any further liability or obligation for the payment of the HTA Fiscal Agent's Fees and Expenses.
- 9. The parties represent and warrant that they are duly authorized to enter into and be bound by this Amended Stipulation. Except as expressly provided herein, nothing herein shall impair any right, power, or obligation or be considered a waiver of any such right, power or

obligation the parties hereto have with respect to any valid and existing agreements between the

parties hereto, which agreements remain in full force and effect and are not modified hereby.

10. Each party hereto agrees that it has fully participated in the drafting of this

Amended Stipulation. The rule of law that provides that ambiguities will be construed against the

drafting party in interpreting written instruments shall be inapplicable to resolve any disputes over

the meaning or intent of this Amended Stipulation or any of its provisions.

11. This Amended Stipulation is the full and complete agreement of the parties with

respect to the matters set forth herein, and each party has entered into this Amended Stipulation

voluntarily and without duress.

12. This Amended Stipulation shall be binding on the parties' successors and assigns.

13. This Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from

or related to the implementation, interpretation, or enforcement of this Amended Stipulation.

14. This Amended Stipulation may be executed in multiple counterparts, any of which

may be transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail, and each of which will be deemed an original,

but all of which together will constitute one instrument.

Dated: May 24, 2022

STIPULATED AND AGREED TO BY:

PROSKAUER ROSE LLP

/s/ Brian S. Rosen

Martin J. Bienenstock (pro hac vice) Brian S. Rosen (pro hac vice)

Eleven Times Square New York, NY 10036 Tel: (212) 969-3000 Fax: (212) 969-2900

O'NEILL & BORGES LLC

/s/ Hermann D. Bauer

Hermann D. Bauer USDC No. 215205 Carla García-Benítez USDC No. 203708 Gabriel A. Miranda USDC No. 306704 250 Muñoz Rivera Ave., Suite 800 San Juan, PR 00918-1813

Tel: (787) 764-8181 Fax: (787) 753-8944

Attorneys for the Financial Oversight and Management Board as representative for the Commonwealth

SEPULVADO, MALDONADO & COURET

/s/ Albéniz Couret-Fuentes Albéniz Couret-Fuentes

USDC-PR Bar No. 222207

304 Ponce de León Ave. – Suite 990

San Juan, PR 00918

Telephone: (787) 765-5656 Facsimile: (787) 294-0073 Email: acouret@smclawpr.com

REED SMITH LLP

/s/ Jared S. Roach

Luke A. Sizemore (Pro Hac Vice) Jared S. Roach (Pro Hac Vice) 225 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1200

Pittsburgh, PA 15222 Telephone: (412) 288-3131 Facsimile: (412) 288-3063

Email: lsizemore@reedsmith.com Email: jroach@reedsmith.com

Counsel to The Bank of New York Mellon, in its capacity as Fiscal Agent

ADSUAR MUNIZ GOYCO SEDA & PEREZ-OCHOA PSC

By: /s/ Eric Perez-Ochoa

Eric Perez-Ochoa

(USDC-PR No. 206314)

Luis A. Oliver-Fraticelli

(USDC-PR No. 209204)

208 Ponce de León Ave., Suite 1600

San Juan, PR 00936

Telephone: (787) 756-9000 Facsimile: (787) 756-9010

Email: epo@amgprlaw.com

loliver@amgprlaw.com

Attorneys for National Public Finance Guarantee Corporation

WEIL, GOTSHAL & MANGES LLP

By: /s/ Kelly DiBlasi

Jonathan Polkes*

C C'11

Gregory Silbert*

Robert Berezin*

Kelly DiBlasi*

767 Fifth Avenue

New York, NY 10153

Telephone: (212) 310-8000

Facsimile: (212) 310-8007

Email: jonathan.polkes@weil.com

gregory.silbert@weil.com robert.berezin@weil.com kelly.diblasi@weil.com

Gabriel A. Morgan (admitted pro hac vice)

700 Louisiana Street, Suite 1700

Houston, TX 77002

Telephone: (713) 546-5000 Facsimile: (713) 224-9511

Email: gabriel.morgan@weil.com

Attorneys for National Public Finance Guarantee Corporation

^{*}Admitted pro hac vice

CASELLAS ALCOVER & BURGOS P.S.C.

CADWALADER, WICKERSHAM & TAFT LLP

By: /s/ Heriberto Burgos Pérez

Heriberto Burgos Pérez USDC-PR No. 204,809 Ricardo F. Casellas-Sánchez USDC-PR No. 203,114 Diana Pérez-Seda

USDC-PR No. 232,014

P.O. Box 364924

San Juan, PR 00936-4924

Tel.: (787) 756-1400 Fax: (787) 756-1401

E-mail: hburgos@cabprlaw.com rcasellas@cabprlaw.com dperez@cabprlaw.com By: /s/ Casey J. Servais

Howard R. Hawkins, Jr.* Mark C. Ellenberg* Casey J. Servais* William J. Natbony* Thomas J. Curtin*

New York, New York 10281

Tel.: (212) 504-6000 Fax: (212) 406-6666

200 Liberty Street

Email: howard.hawkins@cwt.com mark.ellenberg@cwt.com casey.servais@cwt.com bill.natbony@cwt.com thomas.curtin@cwt.com

Counsel for Assured Guaranty Corp. and Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.

* Admitted pro hac vice

Counsel for Assured Guaranty Corp. and Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.

REXACH & PICÓ, CSP

By: /s/ Maria E. Picó

María E. Picó USDC-PR 123214

802 Ave. Fernández Juncos San Juan PR 00907-4315 Telephone: (787) 723-8520 Facsimile: (787) 724-7844 E-mail: mpico@rexachpico.com

Attorneys for Financial Guaranty Insurance Company

BUTLER SNOW LLP

By: /s/ Martin A. Sosland

Martin A. Sosland (*pro hac vice*) 2911 Turtle Creek, Suite 1400

Dallas, TX 75219

Telephone: (469) 680-5502 Facsimile: (469) 680-5501

E-mail: martin.sosland@butlersnow.com

James E. Bailey III (pro hac vice) Adam M. Langley (pro hac vice) 6075 Poplar Ave., Suite 500 Memphis, TN 38119

Telephone: (901) 680-7347 Facsimile: (615) 680-7201

E-mail: jeb.bailey@butlersnow.com adam.langley@butlersnow.com

Attorneys for Financial Guaranty Insurance Company

FERRAIUOLI LLC

By: /s/ Roberto Cámara-Fuertes

Roberto Cámara-Fuertes (USDC-PR No. 219002)

Sonia Colón (USDC-PR No. 213809) 221 Ponce de León Avenue, 5th Floor

San Juan, PR 00917

Telephone: (787) 766-7000 Facsimile: (787) 766-7001 Email: rcamara@ferraiuoli.com scolon@ferraiuoli.com

Attorneys for Ambac Assurance Corporation

MILBANK LLP

By: <u>/s/ Atara Miller</u>

Dennis F. Dunne (admitted *pro hac vice*)
Atara Miller (admitted *pro hac vice*)
Grant R. Mainland (admitted *pro hac vice*)
John J. Hughes, III (admitted *pro hac vice*)
Jonathan Ohring (admitted *pro hac vice*)
55 Hudson Yards

New York, NY 10001
Telephone: (212) 530-5000
Facsimile: (212) 530-5219
Email: ddunne@milbank.com
 amiller@milbank.com
 gmainland@milbank.com
 jhughes2@milbank.com
 johring@milbank.com

Attorneys for Ambac Assurance Corporation

GOLDMAN ANTONETTI & CORDOVA, LLC

By: <u>/s/ Carlos A. Rodriguez-Vidal</u>

Carlos A. Rodriguez-Vidal USDC-PR No. 201213 Solymar Castillo-Morales USDC-PR No. 218310 P.O. Box 70364 San Juan, PR 00936-8364

Telephone: (787) 759-4117

 $E\text{-}mail: crodriguez-vidal@gaclaw.com}$

scastillo@gaclaw.com

Attorneys for Syncora Guarantee Inc.

NORTON ROSE FULBRIGHT US LLP

By: /s/ Eric Daucher

Eric Daucher (*pro hac vice* pending) 1301 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10019-6022 Telephone: (212) 318-3000

Facsimile: (212) 318-3400

E-mail: eric.daucher@nortonrosefulbright.com

Attorneys for Syncora Guarantee Inc.

SO ORDERED on , 2022

HON. LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

Exhibit B

Redline

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

In re:

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,

PROMESA Title III

as representative of

No. 17 BK-3283-LTS

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, et al.,

(Jointly Administered)

Debtors.1

In re:

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,

PROMESA

as representative of

Title III

THE PUERTO RICO HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY,

No. 17 BK-3567-LTS

ATION AUTHORITY,

Debtor.

SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED STIPULATION AND AGREED ORDER REGARDING THE DISPUTED FUNDS IN THE HTA BOND SERVICE ACCOUNTS, REDEMPTION ACCOUNTS AND RESERVE ACCOUNTS

The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (the 'Commonwealth') and the Puerto Rico

Highways and Transportation Authority ('HTA'), by and through the Financial Oversight and

Management Board for Puerto Rico (the 'Oversight Board'), as the sole Title III representative of

The Debtors in these Title III Cases, along with each Debtor's respective Title III case number and the last four (4) digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, as applicable, are the (i) Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3283-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3481); (ii) Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation ("COFINA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3284-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 8474); (iii) Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority ("HTA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3567-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3808); (iv) Employees Retirement System of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico ("ERS") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3566-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 9686); (v) Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority ("PREPA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 4780-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3747); and (vi) Puerto Rico Public Buildings Authority ("PBA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 19-BK-5523-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3801). Title III case numbers are listed as Bankruptcy Case numbers due to software limitations.

the Commonwealth and HTA pursuant to section 315(b) of the *Puerto Rico Oversight*, *Management*, *and Economic Stability Act* ("PROMESA"),²-and The Bank of New York Mellon, solely in its capacity as fiscal agent ("BNYM" or the "HTA Fiscal Agent") for several series of bonds issued by HTA (the "HTA Bonds"), Ambac Assurance Corporation ("Ambac"), Assured Guaranty Corp., Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp. (together with Assured Guaranty Corp., "Assured"), Financial Guaranty Insurance Company ("FGIC"), Syncora Guarantee Inc. ("Syncora"), and National Public Finance Guarantee Corporation ("National" and together with Ambac, Assured, FGIC, and Syncora, the "Monolines") hereby stipulate and agree as follows:

RECITALS

Commencement of Title III Cases

- A. On May 3, 2017, the Oversight Board issued a restructuring certification pursuant to sections Sections 104(j) and 206 of PROMESA and filed a voluntary petition for relief for the Commonwealth pursuant to PROMESA section Section 304(a), commencing a case under Title III thereof (the 'Commonwealth Title III Case').
- B. On May 21, 2017, the Oversight Board issued a restructuring certification for HTA, commencing an additional case under Title III of PROMESA (the "HTA Title III Case" and together with the Commonwealth Title III Case, the "Title III Cases").
- C. By operation of PROMESA and pursuant to PROMESA section 315(b), the Oversight Board is the sole representative of the Commonwealth and HTA in their respective Title III Cases.
- D. The Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to PROMESA sectionSection 306(a), and venue is proper in this District pursuant to PROMESA sectionSection 307(a).

PROMES Ais codified at 48 U.S.C. §§ 2101–2241.

The Disputed Funds

- E. After the filing of the Title III Cases, certain monoline insurers and bondholders commenced the following adversary proceedings regarding, among other issues, asserted liens on certain revenues, payments on the HTA Bonds, and monies allegedly pledged to secure the repayment of HTA Bonds (collectively, the "Adversary Proceedings"): Ambac Assurance Corp. v. Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, et al., Adv. Proc. No. 17-159-LTS; Assured Guaranty Corp., et al. v. Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, et al., Adv. Proc. Nos. 17-155-LTS, 17-156-LTS; and Peaje Investments, LLC v. Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority, et al., Adv. Proc. Nos. 17-151 LTS, 17-152-LTS.
- F. Pursuant to applicable documents, BNYM, as Fiscal Agent, was scheduled to make a payment of principal and interest on several series of bonds issued by HTA to the bondholders in the aggregate amount of approximately \$224,277,263.11 on July 3, 2017.
- G. On or around June 20, 2017, the Puerto Rico Fiscal Agency and Financial Advisory Authority ("AAFAF") instructed BNYM not to distribute the cash and the proceeds of various investments (the 'Disputed Funds') held by BNYM, as HTA Fiscal Agent, to the bondholders, asserting that the Disputed Funds, as defined below, are property of HTA and are subject to the automatic stay pursuant to section 362(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, as incorporated by sectionSection 301(a) of PROMESA.
- H. By letter, dated June 23, 2017, certain plaintiffs in the Adversary Proceedings stated their disagreement with the AAFAF position and asserted that BNYM must distribute the Disputed Funds on July 3, 2017 in accordance with the terms of the governing documents because the Disputed Funds (i) are not property of HTA, (ii) are held in trust for the benefit of the bondholders, (iii) are "pledged special revenues," pursuant to sections 902, 922(d) and 928 of the

Bankruptcy Code as incorporated by section 301(a) of PROMESA, and (iv) are not subject to the automatic stay.

- I. As of July 3, 2017, BNYM, as <u>HTA_Fiscal Agent</u>, held <u>eash and various investmentsDisputed Funds</u> with an estimated value of \$76,149,000.00 (the <u>"Disputed Funds"</u>).76,149,000.00.
- J. BNYM declined to take a position on the matter, and, in light of the dispute regarding the Disputed Funds, indicated that it would not distribute the Disputed Funds until appropriate relief was obtained from the Court.
- K. On July 31, 2017, the parties to the Adversary Proceedings entered into that certain Stipulation and Proposed Order Governing the Disputed Funds in the HTA Bonds Accounts, Redemption Accounts and Reserve Accounts (the "Disputed Funds Stipulation"), which provides that, among other things, pending further order of the Court, BNYM shall maintain the entirety of the Disputed Funds in the existing accounts into which they have been deposited.
- L. On August 3, 2017, the Court approved the Disputed Funds Stipulation [Case No. 17-00152, ECF No. 179].
- M. As of the date hereof, May 18, 2022, the Disputed Funds held by BNYM in cash and various investments total \$90,710,855.43.90,845,316.28.

Confirmation of the Plan of Adjustment

N. On May 5, 2021, the Oversight Board, as representative of the Commonwealth and HTA in their Title III Cases, entered into that certain HTA/CCDA Related Plan Support Agreement (the 'HTA/CCDA PSA') with, among others, (a) certain holders of bonds issued by HTA, certain holders of bonds issued by the Puerto Rico Convention Center District Authority, Assured Guaranty Corp. and Assured Municipal Corp., and National Public Finance Guarantee

Corporation(b) Assured, and (c) National, which provided for, among other things, the terms of the resolution of litigation among the parties regarding the bonds issued by HTA, and the terms of securities to be issued pursuant to plans of adjustment for the Commonwealth and HTA.

- O. On July 15, 2021, Ambac Assurance Corp. and Financial Guaranty Insurance Companyand FGIC each executed joinders to the HTA/CCDA PSA.
- P. On January 18, 2022, the Court entered the Order and Judgment Confirming Modified Eighth Amended Title III Joint Plan of Adjustment of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Employees Retirement System of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the Puerto Rico Public Buildings Authority [Case No. 17-03283, ECF No. 19813] (the 'Confirmation Order'), confirming the Modified Eighth Amended Title III Joint Plan of Adjustment of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, et al., dated January 14, 2021 [Case No. 17-03283, ECF No. 19784] (the 'Commonwealth Plan')³, which incorporates the terms of the HTA/CCDA PSA.
- Q. Section 4.1 of the HTA/CCDA PSA and decretal paragraph 52 of the Confirmation Order provide, in pertinent part, that "... within ten (10) Business Days following satisfaction of the HTA Distribution Conditions, HTA shall make an interim distribution to holders of HTA 68 Bond Claims and HTA 98 Senior Bond Claims in the amounts of One Hundred Eighty-Four Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$184,800,000.00) and Seventy-Nine Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$79,200,000.00), respectively, in Cash, which distributions shall reduce the principal amount of such HTA 68 Bonds and HTA 98 Senior Bonds, respectively, and the corresponding HTA Bond Claims" (the "Effective Date Payments"). Confirmation Order ¶ 52.

Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Plan Commonwealth Plan or the HTA Plan, as applicable.

- R. Sections 2.1 and 63.1 of the <u>Commonwealth Plan</u> provides for the treatment and global compromise and settlement of, among other things, claims against the Commonwealth relating to the HTA Bonds.
- S. The Oversight Board projects that the Effective Date of the Commonwealth Plan shall occuroccurred on or before March 15, 2022.

Fiscal Agent Fees and Expenses Dispute

- T. On March 10, 2022, the Oversight Board filed the *Urgent Motion for an Order Directing the Fiscal Agent to Disburse the Disputed Funds in the HTA Bond Service Accounts, Redemption Accounts, and Reserve Accounts* [Case No. 17-03283, ECF No. 20297], seeking approval of a stipulation between the Oversight Board and BNYM, as HTA Fiscal Agent, that provided for the deduction of the HTA Fiscal Agent's fees and expenses from the Effective Date Payments, including the Disputed Funds. On March 11, 2022, the Oversight Board filed the *Notice of Filing Amended and Restated Stipulation and Agreed Order Regarding the Disputed Funds in the HTA Bond Service Accounts, Redemption Accounts, and Reserve Accounts* [Case No. 17-03283, ECF No. 20316], attaching an amended stipulation thereto as Exhibit A (the 'Stipulation').
- U. On March 15, 2022, Assured, FGIC, and National filed the Response of Assured Guaranty Corp., Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp., Financial Guaranty Insurance Company, and National Public Finance Guarantee Corporation with Respect to Supplemental Reply of the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico in Support of Urgent Motion for Order Directing the Fiscal Agent to Disburse the Disputed Funds in the HTA Bond Service Accounts, Redemption Accounts, and Reserve Accounts [Case No. 17-03283, ECF No. 20337] (the 'Monoline Objection'), asserting that the Stipulation does not comply with decretal paragraph 52 of the Confirmation Order.

- <u>V.</u> On March 16, 2022, the Court entered an order overruling the Monoline Objection based upon the representations set forth in the Stipulation, approving the Stipulation, and authorizing the transaction contemplated therein.
- W. On May 16, 2022, the Oversight Board filed the Amended Title III Plan of Adjustment of the Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority [Case No. 17-3567, ECF No. 1177] (the 'HTA Plan').
- X. The Monolines, BNYM, and the Oversight Board have continued to engage in arms-length, good faith negotiations to reach agreement regarding the deduction of the HTA Fiscal Agent's Fees and Expenses (as defined herein) from the Effective Date Payments and, as a result of those negotiations, have reached an agreement consistent with the terms of this stipulation.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, the parties hereby agree as follows:

AGREEMENT

- 1. This stipulation (the "<u>Amended Stipulation</u>") shall become effective upon entry of an order of the Court approving the terms and provisions hereof (the "<u>Stipulation Date</u>")- and, upon the Stipulation Date, shall amend, restate, and supersede the Stipulation in all respects.
- 2. Within two (2) business days of the date of execution of this <u>Amended</u> Stipulation, the Oversight Board shall provide BNYM instructions for the liquidation of Disputed Funds that BNYM currently holds in investments other than cash.
- 3. Upon (a) satisfaction of the <u>HTA</u> Distribution Conditions, and (b) liquidation of the Disputed Funds that BNYM currently holds in <u>investmentinvestments</u> other than cash, (<u>li</u>) the aggregate amount of cash on account in the Disputed Funds shall be deemed amounts to be

applied by HTA in satisfaction of the Effective Date Payments, and (2ii) the HTA Fiscal Agent shall provide the Oversight Board and HTA a written statement setting forth the amount of the Disputed Funds as of such date.

- 4. Nothing in this Stipulation affects the Fiscal Agent's right to be reimbursed for any and all of the Fiscal Agent's fees and expenses from the distributions to be made pursuant to the Plan, in accordance with the applicable resolutions, decretal paragraph 36 of the Confirmation Order, Section 77.13 of the Plan, and a plan of adjustment for HTA. The Effective Date Payments are inclusive of any and all HTA Fiscal Agent's fees and expenses due and owing by HTA pursuant to the applicable bond resolutions with respect to amounts discharged pursuant to the HTA Plan (the 'HTA Fiscal Agent's Fees and Expenses') and do not require an increase thereto on account thereof. Subject to the limitations contained in paragraph 6 of this Amended Stipulation, the HTA Fiscal Agent may deduct the HTA Fiscal Agent's Fees and Expenses from the Disputed Funds, and the HTA Fiscal Agent shall either apply such amounts to the HTA Fiscal Agent's Fees and Expenses then due and owing, or hold such amounts in a reserve for future fees and expenses, subject to the terms and provisions of paragraph 7 of this Amended Stipulation.
- 5. Upon deduction of the HTA Fiscal Agent's Fees and Expenses from the Disputed Funds, the HTA Fiscal Agent shall transfer the remaining Disputed Funds to HTA, or its designee, to be applied as part of the Effective Date Payments. Consistent with the pro rata allocation of the cost of the HTA Fiscal Agent's Fees and Expenses required by Section 27.13 of the HTA Plan, HTA may deduct the cost of the HTA Fiscal Agent's Fees and Expenses from the Effective Date Payments on a pro rata basis, such that the cost of such HTA Fiscal Agent's Fees

and Expenses is shared equally by all holders of HTA 68 Bond Claims⁴ and HTA 98 Senior Bond Claims⁵ based on the amount of their Claims.

- 6. Notwithstanding anything in the HTA Plan, the HTA Confirmation Order, this Amended Stipulation, or the applicable bond resolutions to the contrary, (a) the HTA Fiscal Agent's Fees and Expenses now or hereafter owing, including any amounts held in a reserve for future fees and expenses, shall not exceed \$2,360,681.02, and (b) upon the HTA Fiscal Agent's deduction of such HTA Fiscal Agent's Fees and Expenses from the Disputed Funds, none of the Commonwealth, HTA, or any agency or instrumentality thereof shall have any further liability or obligation with respect to such fees and expenses.
- <u>7.</u> In the event amounts reserved or deducted by the HTA Fiscal Agent from the Disputed Funds exceed the HTA Fiscal Agent's Fees and Expenses, such excess amounts shall be distributed, by or at the direction of, the HTA Fiscal Agent and/or HTA, or HTA's designee, on a pro rata basis to holders of HTA 68 Bond Claims and HTA 98 Senior Bond Claims on the HTA Effective Date (the 'Excess Distribution').
- 8. 5. This Amended Stipulation shall be considered a full and final resolution of (a) all disputes relevant to the Disputed Funds that were raised as part of the Disputed Funds Stipulation, and (b) all disputes and reservation of rights raised or asserted in Case No. 17-03283, ECF Nos. 20297, 20318, 20320, 20321, 20331, 20337, and 20340 related to the payment of the HTA Fiscal Agent's Fees and Expenses, and, upon the HTA Fiscal Agent's deduction of such HTA Fiscal Agent's Fees and Expenses from the Disputed Funds, none of the Commonwealth,

⁴ For purposes of this Amended Stipulation, the term "HTA 68 Bond Claims" shall include (i) HTA 68 Bond Claims, (ii) HTA 68 Bond Claims (Ambac), (iii) HTA 68 Bond Claims (Assured), and (iv) HTA 68 Bond Claims (National), all as defined in the HTA Plan.

For purposes of this Amended Stipulation, the term "HTA 98 Senior Bond Claims" shall include (i) HTA 98 Senior Bond Claims, (ii) HTA 98 Senior Bond Claims (Assured), (iv) HTA 98 Senior Bond Claims (FGIC), and (v) HTA 98 Senior Bond Claims (National), all as defined in the HTA Plan.

HTA, or any agency or instrumentality thereof shall have any further liability or obligation for the payment of the HTA Fiscal Agent's Fees and Expenses.

- <u>9.</u> 6. The parties represent and warrant that they are duly authorized to enter into and be bound by this <u>Amended Stipulation</u>. <u>NothingExcept as expressly provided herein, nothing</u> herein shall impair any right, power, or obligation or be considered a waiver of any such right, power or obligation the parties hereto have with respect to any valid and existing agreements between the parties hereto, which agreements remain in full force and effect and are not modified hereby.
- <u>10.</u> 7. Each party hereto agrees that it has fully participated in the drafting of this <u>Amended Stipulation</u>. The rule of law that provides that ambiguities will be construed against the drafting party in interpreting written instruments shall be inapplicable to resolve any disputes over the meaning or intent of this <u>Amended Stipulation</u> or any of its provisions.
- 11. 8. This <u>Amended Stipulation</u> is the full and complete agreement of the parties with respect to the matters set forth herein, and each party has entered into this <u>Amended</u> Stipulation voluntarily and without duress.
- <u>12.</u> <u>9. This Amended Stipulation shall be binding on the parties' successors and assigns.</u>
- 13. 10. This Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, or enforcement of this <u>Amended</u> Stipulation.
- 14. This <u>Amended Stipulation</u> may be executed in multiple counterparts, any of which may be transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail, and each of which will be deemed an original, but all of which together will constitute one instrument.

Dated: March 11, May 24, 2022

[Remainder of page intentionally left blank]

STIPULATED AND AGREED TO BY:

PROSKAUER ROSE LLP

/s/ Martin J. Bienenstock Brian S. Rosen

Martin J. Bienenstock (pro hac vice) Brian S. Rosen (pro hac vice)

Eleven Times Square New York, NY 10036 Tel: (212) 969-3000 Fax: (212) 969-2900

O'NEILL & BORGES LLC

/s/ Hermann D. Bauer
Hermann D. Bauer
USDC No. 215205
Carla García-Benítez
USDC No. 203708
Gabriel A. Miranda
USDC No. 306704
250 Muñoz Rivera
Ave., Suite 800
San Juan, PR 00918-1813
Tel: (787) 764-8181

Fax: (787) 753-8944

Attorneys for the Financial Oversight and Management Board as representative for the Commonwealth

SEPULVADO, MALDONADO & COURET

/s/ Albéniz Couret-Fuentes Albéniz Couret-Fuentes USDC-PR Bar No. 222207

304 Ponce de León Ave. – Suite 990 San Juan, PR 00918 Telephone: (787) 765-5656 Facsimile: (787) 294-0073 Email: acouret@smclawpr.com

REED SMITH LLP

/s/ Jared S. Roach
Luke A. Sizemore (Pro

Luke A. Sizemore (Pro Hac Vice) Jared S. Roach (Pro Hac Vice) 225 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1200

Pittsburgh, PA 15222 Telephone: (412) 288-3131 Facsimile: (412) 288-3063

Email: lsizemore@reedsmith.com Email: jroach@reedsmith.com

Counsel to The Bank of New York Mellon, in its capacity as Fiscal Agent

ADSUAR MUNIZ GOYCO SEDA	&
PEREZ-OCHOA PSC	

By: /s/ Eric Perez-Ochoa

Eric Perez-Ochoa

(USDC-PR No. 206314)

Luis A. Oliver-Fraticelli

(USDC-PR No. 209204)

208 Ponce de León

Ave., Suite 1600

San Juan, PR 00936

Telephone: (787) 756-9000

Facsimile: (787) 756-9010

Email: epo@amgprlaw.com

loliver@amgprlaw.com

Attorneys for National Public Finance Guarantee Corporation

WEIL, GOTSHAL & MANGES LLP

By: /s/ Kelly DiBlasi

Jonathan Polkes*
Gregory Silbert*

-	Robert Berezin*	
-	Kelly DiBlasi*	
=	767 Fifth Avenue	New York, NY 10153
-	Telephone: (212) 310-8000	
=	Facsimile: (212) 310-8007	
_	Email: jonathan.polkes@weil.com	gregory.silbert@weil.com
_	robert.berezin@weil.com	
=	kelly.diblasi@weil.com	

Gabriel A. Morgan (admitted pro hac vice)

700 Louisiana Street, Suite 1700

Houston, TX 77002

Telephone: (713) 546-5000 Facsimile: (713) 224-9511 Email: gabriel.morgan@weil.com

*Admitted pro hac vice

Attorneys for National Public Finance Guarantee Corporation

CASELLAS ALCOVER & BURGOS P.S.C.

CADWALADER, WICKERSHAM & TAFT LLP

By: /s/ Heriberto Burgos Pérez

Heriberto Burgos Pérez

<u>USDC-PR No. 204,809</u>

Ricardo

<u>F</u>

<u>. Casellas-Sánchez</u> USDC-PR No. 203,114

Diana Pérez-Seda

USDC-PR No. 232,014

P.O. Box 364924

San Juan, PR 00936-4924

Tel.: (787) 756-1400

Fax: (787) 756-1401

E-mail: hburgos@cabprlaw.com

rcasellas@cabprlaw.com

dperez@cabprlaw.com

By: /s/ Casey J. Servais

Howard R. Hawkins, Jr.*

Mark C. Ellenberg*

Casey J. Servais*

William J. Natbony*

Thomas J. Curtin*

200 Liberty Street

New York, New York 10281

Tel.: (212) 504-6000

Fax: (212) 406-6666

Email: howard.hawkins@cwt.com

mark.ellenberg@cwt.com

casey.servais@cwt.com

bill.natbony@cwt.com

thomas.curtin@cwt.com

<u>Counsel for Assured Guaranty Corp. and</u> <u>Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.</u>

<u>Counsel for Assured Guaranty Corp. and Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.</u>

^{*} Admitted pro hac vice

REXACH & PICÓ, CSP

BUTLER SNOW LLP

By: /s/ Maria E. Picó

María E. Picó

<u>USDC-PR 123214</u>

802

Ave. Fernández Juncos

San Juan PR 00907-4315

Telephone: (787) 723-8520

Facsimile: (787) 724-7844

E-mail: mpico@rexachpico.com

Attorneys for Financial Guaranty Insurance

<u>Company</u>

By: /s/ Martin A. Sosland

Martin A. Sosland (pro hac vice)

2911 Turtle Creek, Suite 1400

Dallas, TX 75219

Telephone: (469) 680-5502

Facsimile: (469) 680-5501

E-mail: martin.sosland@butlersnow.com

James E. Bailey III (pro hac vice)

Adam M. Langley (pro hac vice)

6075 Poplar Ave., Suite 500

Memphis, TN 38119

Telephone: (901) 680-7347

Facsimile: (615) 680-7201

E-mail: jeb.bailey@butlersnow.com adam.langley@butlersnow.com

<u>Attorneys for Financial Guaranty Insurance</u> <u>Company</u>

FERRAIUOLI LLC

By: /s/ Roberto Cámara-Fuertes

Roberto Cámara-Fuertes (USDC-PR No. 219002)

Sonia Colón (USDC-PR No. 213809)

221 Ponce de León

Avenue, 5th Floor

San Juan, PR 00917

Telephone: (787) 766-7000

Facsimile: (787) 766-7001

Email: rcamara@ferraiuoli.com

scolon@ferraiuoli.com

Attorneys for Ambac Assurance Corporation

MILBANK LLP

By: /s/ Atara Miller

Dennis F. Dunne (admitted pro hac vice)

Atara Miller (admitted pro hac vice)

Grant R. Mainland (admitted pro hac vice)

John J. Hughes, III (admitted pro hac vice)

Jonathan Ohring (admitted pro hac vice)

55 Hudson Yards

New York, NY 10001

Telephone: (212) 530-5000

Facsimile: (212) 530-5219

Email: ddunne@milbank.com

amiller@milbank.com

gmainland@milbank.com

jhughes2@milbank.com

johring@milbank.com

Attorneys for Ambac Assurance Corporation

Case:17-03283-LTS Doc#:20987 Filed:05/24/22 Entered:05/24/22 19:12:54 Desc: Main Document Page 48 of 50

GOLDMAN ANTONETTI & CORDOVA, LLC

By: /s/ Carlos A. Rodriguez-Vidal
Carlos A. Rodriguez-Vidal
USDC-PR No. 201213
Solymar Castillo-Morales
USDC-PR No. 218310
P.O. Box 70364
San Juan, PR 00936-8364
Telephone: (787) 759-4117
E-mail: crodriguez-vidal@gaclaw.com

scastillo@gaclaw.com

Attorneys for Syncora Guarantee Inc.

NORTON ROSE FULBRIGHT US LLP

By: /s/ Eric Daucher

Eric Daucher (*pro hac vice* pending) 1301 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY 10019-6022
Telephone: (212) 318-3000
Facsimile: (212) 318-3400

E-mail: eric.daucher@nortonrosefulbrigh

t.com

Attorneys for Syncora Guarantee Inc.

SO ORDERED on March______, 2022

HON. LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

Document comparison by Workshare 9.5 on Monday, May 23, 2022 8:16:59 PM

Input:				
Document 1 ID	interwovenSite://DMS/CURRENT/131053925/1			
Description	#131053925v1 <current> - FOMB-Amended and Restated HTA Stipulation</current>			
Document 2 ID	C:\NRPortbl\CURRENT\10676\131053925_2.docx			
Description	C:\NRPortbl\CURRENT\10676\131053925_2.docx			
Rendering set	Standard			

Legend:	
<u>Insertion</u>	
Deletion	
Moved from	
Moved to	
Style change	
Format change	
Moved deletion	
Inserted cell	
Deleted cell	
Moved cell	
Split/Merged cell	
Padding cell	

Statistics:		
	Count	
Insertions	230	
Deletions	42	
Moved from	1	
Moved to	1	
Style change	0	
Format changed	0	
Total changes	274	

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on the date hereof, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing was served upon all parties via the Court's electronic case filing system (ECF).

/s/ Hermann D. Bauer

Hermann D. Bauer